



DEPARTMENT OF  
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# **Rule Implementation Plan**

## **Oil Spill Contingency Plan**

### **Chapter 173-182 WAC – Emergency Rule**

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# **Purpose**

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) provides the information in this implementation plan to meet agency and Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.328) requirements related to rule adoptions.

# **Introduction**

On December 13, 2013, Ecology adopted emergency amendments to Chapter 173-182 WAC Oil Spill Contingency Plan (AO # 13-10). The purpose of this rule implementation plan is to inform those who must comply with Chapter 173-182 WAC about how the Ecology intends to:

- Implement and enforce the rule.
- Inform and educate persons affected by the rule.
- Promote and assist voluntary compliance for the rule.
- Evaluate the rule.
- Train and inform Ecology staff about the new or amended rule.

Also included in this plan is information about:

- Supporting documents that may need to be written or revised because of the new rule or amended rule.
- Other resources where more information about the rule is available.
- Contact information for Ecology employees who can answer questions about the rule implementation.

# **Implementation and Enforcement**

Ecology will implement and enforce this rule. Using existing resources, Ecology staff will continue to work with plan holders and the regulated community in complying with the requirements of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan rule. Since the standards in this rule are already being implemented, we do not anticipate additional resources are needed to implement and enforce this rule.

# **Informing and Educating Persons Affected by the Rule**

To help inform and educate the affected persons, Ecology is doing or has done the following:

- Sent out public notices
- Used a distribution list created for this rule making to send updates
- Posted information on Ecology's agency and Spills Program web pages
- Issue a press release announcing the adoption of the emergency rule
- Email stakeholders who have requested to be on our distribution list for this rule making
- Post the final emergency rule on the internet for public access and post updates on the permanent rule-making process.

- Continue to include information on the program and permanent rule-making process under the Rules section of Ecology’s Laws and Rules web site
- Inform and educate the public when they contact Ecology

## **Promoting and Assisting Voluntary Compliance**

The actions mentioned above to inform and educate affected persons on the changes also help to promote voluntary compliance. Program staff is available to respond to stakeholder phone and e-mail inquiries.

## **Evaluating the Rule**

Ecology will work closely with plan holders and the regulated community to evaluate the effectiveness of the rule. Contingency plan reviews occur periodically and provide opportunities to evaluate the rule.

## **Training and Informing Agency Staff**

Program staff who have worked on this rule making will continue to network with and inform staff throughout Ecology and other agencies as needed. No additional training is required.

## **List of Supporting Documents that May Need to be Written or Revised**

We have identified no supporting documents that may need to be written or revised.

## **More Information**

Rule making documents are available at:

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